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Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to express my extreme disappointment in the Obama administration's betrayal of Israel. The administration's destructive decision to undercut Israel has given leverage to anti-Israel boycotters and anti-Semites across the world.

This act screamed of personal vengeance and hostility, directly harmed American interests, and undermined peace in the Middle East. It was a cowardly and foolish parting shot for an administration that flagrantly ignores serious global challenges—Syria, Aleppo, ISIS, Iran, China, Russia, and the list goes on.

By abstaining from the vote to censure Israel, President Obama vetoed the U.S.-Israel alliance and violated the faith of the American people. I look forward to a new day, to a new administration that will support Israel and refuse to abandon our allies on the world stage.

THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

(Mr. McEACHIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. McEACHIN. Mr. Speaker, it has been my observation that often in this body there are people who would suggest to us that their actions are motivated and guided by an adherence to the Judeo-Christian ethic.

Mr. Speaker, in Jesus' first sermon, He said, among other things, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring good news to the poor." We have done that with the enactment of the Affordable Care Act.

Mr. Speaker, the notion of taking away the Affordable Care Act by repealing it, I would suggest to this body, is antithetical to those Judeo-Christian values. More than 20 million Americans of all socioeconomic backgrounds have benefited from this act.

Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that reason will prevail and that while we may tweak the Affordable Care Act, it will not be repealed.

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TWO-STATE SOLUTION IN ISRAEL

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, we are going to be taking up a resolution that is designed to reflect our discontent with the resolution of the United Nations. I am totally in favor of expressing our discontent. I think we ought to cut our funds to the U.N. until such time as Resolution 2334 is repealed.

But the resolution today, at four different places, refers to our push in the United States for a two-state solution in Israel. Look, Hebron is in what was the promised land. David ruled from there for the first 7 years he was King

over Israel. Hebron is part of the two-state solution going to the Palestinians. How did the Palestinians deserve the land that was given as the promised land 1,600 years before Muhammad even existed?

I can't vote for the resolution when we are advocating what Joel 3 says will bring judgment down upon our Nation for trying to partition Israel—can't do it.

WE MUST NOT MAKE AMERICA SICK AGAIN

(Mr. BEYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to read a letter from my constituent, Mrs. Karen O'Hern, of Alexandria, Virginia: "Congressman BEYER,

"We are a family of four. The company my husband worked for went bankrupt in 2009 after the 2008 financial meltdown—losing income, retirement savings, and health care.

"He now owns a small business and we now get our healthcare insurance through healthcare.gov.

"We need you to defend the ACA. We depend on the availability of this insurance option.

"My son had surgery on December 30 at Fairfax Hospital to remove a brain tumor. His prognosis is good. I cannot imagine how we would manage financially without this health insurance.

"Please be strong on this matter and represent the needs of your constituents.

"I need my Affordable Care Act health insurance.

"Regards, Karen O'Hern."

Mr. Speaker, millions like Karen O'Hern will lose their coverage if the Affordable Care Act is repealed. We must not make America sick again.

WEST VIRGINIANS WANT THEIR VOICE TO BE HEARD

(Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, we are about to vote on the REINS Act, which will hold our agencies accountable to the people of America. I am a proud cosponsor of this regulation, this legislation. If a regulation has a high economic cost, then the people, through Congress, have to approve it before it goes into effect.

The REINS Act is one of several bills we will be considering this week to stop business as usual in Washington. We will be saying "no" to the over-regulations of the last 8 years, "no" to the radical anti-coal agenda that has closed coal mines and cost my State of West Virginia thousands of jobs, "no" to a Federal Government that won't even come to West Virginia to hear how their regulations affect us.

West Virginians have had enough. They want change. They want their voice to be heard. They want to work hard and put food on their table.

I am here to stand up for West Virginians: families, miners, and small businesses. I urge my colleagues to support the REINS Act.

OFFERING A 28TH AMENDMENT

(Mr. DEUTCH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, we came together this morning to read the United States Constitution and its 27 amendments. I offer a 28th amendment, an amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's disastrous decision in Citizens United:

Section 1. To advance democratic self-government and political equality, and to protect the integrity of government and the electoral process, Congress and the States may regulate and set reasonable limits on the raising and spending of money by candidates and others to influence elections.

Section 2. Congress and the States shall have power to implement and enforce this article by appropriate legislation, and may distinguish between natural persons and corporations or other artificial entities created by law, including by prohibiting such entities from spending money to influence our elections.

Section 3. Nothing in this article shall be construed to grant Congress or the States the power to abridge freedom of the press.

Mr. Speaker, Citizens United let unlimited money flood into our elections and compromise our democracy. I ask all of my colleagues in this 115th Congress to join our effort to overturn it.

REPEALING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WILL BE DETRIMENTAL TO OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COMMUNITY

(Mr. ESPAILLAT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Affordable Care Act. It is a promise to the American people that we must keep. It guarantees access to affordable, high-quality health care as a right for all Americans. Backing out of this commitment is irresponsible, inexcusable, and reprehensible.

As a Member from a congressional district that houses some of the largest hospitals in the country, health is a crucial issue for my constituents. Under the ACA, millions of Americans now have access to affordable health care through individual marketplaces and Medicaid expansion. Children in New York can remain on their parents' plan through the age of 29. An insurance company cannot discriminate against patients with preexisting conditions.

Repeal will be detrimental to our healthcare systems and medical research community. Without a plan to